Recd Sept 7th
Ans 8

St Geo 23rd Aug 1874

Dear Friend Engelmann

When Dr Parry was here we had a talk & I proposed to gather Cactus, plants & seeds, & send to you to be sold. you deducting enough to amply pay your trouble & interest taken, & pay all expenses. The Doc thought it would do well & said he would write you & so I have been waiting to hear from you — The seed & small plants by mail the big Cactus &c by freight to Provo. thence by rail to you.

He thought seeds would perhaps sell at the sales in Europe — Now what do you say? I'll gather ship & pay overland to Provo — you pay R R freight & sell

I can send you some Cactus 100 or more lbs caught — Joshua trees various Yuccas Guavas Cactus &c

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Money is my scarce here. I must raise some & am almost desperate would do anything not disreputable What can I do with your help but — A Friend in need &c — You know all about that — Should think these big Echinos & Engelmannis & other fine & magnificent specimens would bring any price — and these Joshuas a foot & two feet high Y. Utahensis &c — There is no seed of Yucca Brevafolia this year — we have seed of other sorts — Charlie has spent a month or two gathering seeds — Shall I send them on & follow with Cactus & Yucca plants

Please give me earnest attention till you evolve a good strain of advice — We are in midst of harvest of fruits — Wish could send you some for we have no market — so far from R R — Anxiously awaiting some cheerful reply

Yours truly J.E. Johnson

Recd Nov 10th
ans Dec

Osmur near Glendale Kanab
Utah Terry Oct 26 1874

Dr George Engelmann
Dear Sir

I today send you Specimens of Pine cedar & Juniper & abies with cones two packages please Examine them & give me the true names of Each if you can from the Specimens sent.

I also send you seed of Abies Concolor and a few seed of another abies of which you will find a cone in the package of cones please to tell me what seed of Each kind are actually worth & also what seed of the pine No Three is worth give price per pound or oz.

I send you a small lot of Yucca Angustifolia seed also seed of Juniperus Osteosperm-

Dr C C Parry Said to me when
I roomed with him on the
23 of July to collect a quantity
of Yucca Angustifolia Seed
& Send them to you as you
would be able to Sell them for
me remarking at the time that
the Germans were heavy on
Yuccas now. I can deliver
the Seed to you by Mail for $1-
pr pound 1/2 to be paid when
you receive them the other
1/2 when you have Sold the
Seed. I can also deliver
Juniperi Ostio Sperma at the
Same rates.

Now Kind Sir will you take
the Lot of Several pounds
Each. I have but poor facilities
for finding customers for
Seed being to poor to go
to the Expense of advertising

Dr Gary assured me that I
would find you a Kind
hearted liberal Gentleman &
acting upon that assurance
I have taken the liberty of
writing to you so familliary
If you find the Abies
Seed of any value to you
please to remit what you
can afford as I live in a
locality where money is very
scarce & it is often impossable
to get money to buy stamps
a few seed sent to a friend
Mr Thos Meehan a few years
since brought me a lot of
Stationary last winter but
the supply is nearly exhausted
Hoping to hear from you at
any time that it is convenient
for you to correspond &
holding myself ready to

to serve you in any way
that I am

I Remain Yours
Truly

A. L. Siler

I have several setts of Plants
numbering each sett about
200 different plants with
some rare & many scarce
plants that I wish to sell
they are worth $17 50 pr
sett delivered by mail If
any of your botanical fiends
are in want of Plants native
of this Locality for their
herbarium please to refer
them to me & oblige
A. L. Siler

1 Pin ponderosa cone
2 Junip. Virg
3 P. flexilis not worth
4 J. virg
5 J. virg
6 Ab. Douglas
7 Phor junip. on Jun. virg
8 A. Douglas & cone
9 Junip commun alp
10 Ab. Concolor
11 Pin ~~edulis~~ & flex ±
12 A concolor cone
13 A Menziesii
14 cone
15 Junip alp
16 P. edulis

FRESE & CO.
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NO. 3005 OLIVE ST. near GARRISON AV.
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Rec Jan 8th
Ans Apr 15

St George Utah Dec 26 1874

My Kind Dear Sir

Your excellent letter is just received & I hasten to respond I am sorry for loss of the plants as much & more for your sake than mine, knowing the interest & zeal you feel in such subjects & matters, but the loss is not irreparable for we can duplicate in due time anything you may suggest & considerably add

I think in regard to the Cedar berries, they are ripe, but upon examination I find many & most of them blights - so we have to take them as we find them & do the best we can. We will collect at any time another Cargo & try and take advantage of lessons by past experience but never with my Consent, to your injury & loss - Should any of our ventures pay advance of cost, I shall insist your share in the profit - but without your entering into the risk

Shipments by freight lines are often uncertain
but I have always before been very
successful - & seldom suffered loss or
delay - I often get long parcels from N. Y.
or Phil - in excellent time - this is why
I risked the freight mode of conveyance
In the high altitudes I presume seeds often
are overtaken before ripe by frost, & very
probable so of the pine cones sent
as they came from forests high up near
the Snow - I have been sick for
two months but am now improving
and about - Our winter is delightful & we
gathered boquets of flowers from open
ground for Christmas - enjoyed our
apples figs - fresh & dried grapes - almonds
wine &c - product of our own gardens
Anything you would like of our
native - botany for your own garden
I shall send you with pleasure &
a hearty welcome, & your kind
expressions are never sown upon
a barren Soil - accept my kindest
regards, & best wishes & believe me
My truly your friend
J. G. Johnson

Charles sits by me & wishes to be kindly remembered

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Rec Jan 5

Osmer near Hindale Kane
Co Utah Tery Dec 28 1874

Dr Geo Englemann

Dear Sir: Your letter of 3d inst reached me by last mail a week ago and I was much pleased to learn that you had recived the seed & Tan bark or some of my inquisitive friends called it when I mailed it to you. You give the names of the different species of pine Abies & Juniper will you do me the kindness to say whether Pinus flexis is common or not & whether seed of it will be valuable when collected it is a tree that has attracted my notice more than any tree growing in this locality on account of its habit & beauty. I have 5 or 6 pounds of Yucca baccata seed Shall I send them to you to send to Germany & Shall I send you seed of Juniperus Californica var Utahensis for the same market to be paid for as you propose to pay for

the last seed out with which I shall
be well satisfied knowing that
any thing that you send out
will bring a fair price
the seed of the Abies Concolor were
gathered very late in the season in
fact it was so late that could
find but very few trees with
cones on them. I have not found
a seed of A Concolor this Season
but what was yellow & Shriveled
may this not be natural
I did not expect that the seeds of
the Abies Menziesii were good I
only sent them to show you what
sort of seed they were in looks.
I expect to send all of my Dried
plants to Dr Parry and you can
deal with him I wrote to you in
regard to them at his suggestion
If you wish any thing in my line
order it & we will not fall out about
pay or price I am Yours Truly

A L Siler

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Rec^d Febr 28th

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Dr George Engelmann

Dear Sir your letter of 31 ult addressed to me at St George reached me at this place the 22d inst I should have replied sooner but as I have no opportunity to get a letter to the P Office I have not been in any very great hurry the last time I went to the P.O. five miles distant I waded through snow 30 inches deep & it has been snowing ever since the snow in the valey around my house is now 28 inches deep on the level & badly drifted in the hollows what the debths may be on the mountains between here and Ranch P.O. the Lord only knows probably 5 or 6 feet

I send enclosed an Envelope in which please place the $1.00 with the answer to this & take register receipt for same & it will reach me

I am very sorry that I cannot ~~[illegible]~~ fill the order for seeds contained in yours Shepherdia rotundifolia did not seed this year probably on late spring frosts. next year 76 I shall try and find seed of their most beautiful shrub. & if so would be pleased to furnish your German friends at the rate of $2.00 pr oz

All of the Peraphyllum ramosissimum seed that I collected this season about 3 lbs went into Dr Parrys hands and sent to Europe months since next fall I can furnish fresh seed at the rate of $10.00 pr pound,

Pinus flexilis did not seed this year will probably seed this season & if so I can furnish at $8.00 pr lb

there is another that you want that I cannot make out it reads in your letter "Also Pinus flexilis and monophyllus" am I right if so I do not know the pine. Could you describe it & in what localities it usually grows whether in valleys or on mountain tops

I send by this mail a sprig of pine brought to me by a rancheman who is well acquainted with these mountains, he says that he has seen no such Pine growing in section

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Utah & his friend but the one tree from which this sprig was taken I asked him to procure me a cone but he informs me that he could not find a cone either old or new so I send the sprig I know that it is a very unsatisfactory way of doing business but I have done the best that I could up to this time to get fuller specimens, if you think that it is worth while I will try to obtain better specimens & cones next summer as I shall go to the tree myself.

There was no abies seed this last 75 season they will probably fruit this year when I will be pleased to furnish you seed at the following rates

Abies Concolor	per lb	$10—
A Engelmannii	do	10—
A Menziesii	do	10—
A Douglasii	do	8—

Orders for fir seed should be given as early as July as seed are usually sent off as soon as gathered Mr Meehan of Philadelphia takes all the fir seed I have to spare and as

Soon as I have collected seed I fill the orders on hand and send the surplus to him.

I would suggest that your German correspondents wanting tree seed from this locality should write to me dire writing in English if convenient but if not I can have their letters translated

I send a list of tree & other seed with prices that grow in this locality remember that I only agree to furnish these seed when the trees fruit as it is not every season that they do so. so that orders should be given with that understanding

On the 2d of last month I forwarded to you a bundle of pressed plants please say as to whether they are properly pressed & if you have any suggestions to make they will be gladly received I Remain very truly Yours

A. L. Siler

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Rec March 23d
Ans 25

Siler

[illegible]) [illegible]
[illegible] Cany March 8 1878

Dr Engleman

Dear Sir; Upon the advice of my friend Dr Parry I consigned to Mr Thos Meehan of Germantown near Philadelphia Penn all of my last years collection of Seed that remained on hand unsold. Amongst these Seed were 30 lbs of Yucca baccata which remained unsold a short time since. Before collecting these Seed Dr Parry urged me to collect them saying that there was a panic in Germany for yuccas. If you will take the seed & send them to your German friends & have them sold for me I will esteem it a great favor. By sending a postal card or letter to Mr Meehan asking him to send you the seed [illegible] [illegible]

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could not some of your Botanical
friends like Agave Utahensis
Yucca [illegible] angustifolia,
Yucca Engelmanni, Cereus Lecontei,
Opuntia rutila, Op. echinocarpa,
Mammillaria phellosperma,
Echinocactus or other succulents,
is so please send me orders
for what they may want at
your Earliest convenience
If there is any plant that
you may want for your herbarium
from this locality let me know
what it is & I will try & obtain
it for you this season
Hoping to hear from you soon
& often

I Remain
Truly Yours
A. L. Siler

P.S.
I have a lot of Cereus Ep. ~~Flowers~~
from [illegible] also [illegible]
& A. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]

Rec'd May 31

Osmer Near Ranch P.O. Kanab
Utah Terry May 20 1875

Dr George Engelmann

Dear Sir Your letter Enclosing $2 was received some days since & should have been answered sooner but I have been so very busy making fence & Corralls that I have not had time to write.

I am very sorry that the plants that I sent out are so poor but I did the best that I knew in fixing them & with the material ~~that~~ that I had to work on I probably could not have done better

I received your letter sent in Dec also the paper which I answered on the 24 of Dec the paper came all right & was gladly received

I hope to spend some time with Dr Parry this summer & learn to fix plants so as to make a success of it. Hoping to be able to serve you in any way that I can I remain yours

A. L. Siler

would be pleased to examine
good specimens of this [illegible]
Bark for their own use or that
of any of your friends.

H. Shaw

Rec Aug 2d
Ans — 3'

[illegible] P. O. Kuncke
New Mexico July 15 1875

Dr George Engelmann

Dear Sir,

I wish to send you several species of Cacti for names, & should have sent them last spring but Dr Parry said in one of his letters that you have been very much annoyed by having plants sent to you that were frozen in transit & that I had better wait untill warmer weather. I came to the conclusion from his letter that the plants were prized by you as living plants & have wanted to know whether they could be sent forward at any time except fall or spring. but as yet I have not been able to get the information please write & let me know whether I had best send the plants alone or with entire parts & add - better pack in very damp moss or not. As you promised me in your letter of Dec 24 that you would

but you would inform I do not
know whether Pinus flexilis seed
from north or those will be as
Abies Concolor seed & the Flexilis
is fruiting heavily. I must fall
back on them for a little money
if I can sell them

Don't some of your German
friends want seed of Fraxinus
Anomala [illegible] ask if
so I would like to supply them
will try & bear it in mind Shall
I send specimens of Peraphyllum
ramosissimum when I distribute them
Do you need more specimens of
bark of Abies Concolor or cones
of Pinus flexilis or other Cones
Please answer at your earliest
Convenience. & oblige yours

Very Truly
A. L. Siler

Dr Parry writes me from [illegible]
under date of Aug 2 he is on to
I hope he will visit me as
I am in a Mountainous locality
A L Siler

Rec'd Aug 9th
Ans Sept 9

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Rec Aug 27
Ans Sept 9

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Recd Octob 1st
ans Dec 31

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[illegible]

[illegible] Texas [illegible]

[illegible] this place.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

yours

[illegible]

Will probably send you [illegible]
[illegible]
by [illegible] opportunity [illegible]

P.S.

[illegible] about the [illegible]
[illegible] this place [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Rec Jan 5 76
Ans — 7

Osmer mar Ranch P.O.
Kane Co Utah Decr 21.75

Dr Englimann
My Dear Friend

Some time Since Dr Parry wrote requesting me to send you Some Plants by the Same Male that takes this out I will send you 7 Specms. I wate for postage as they are all packed but I must wate untill I get mony to buy "Stamps"
If the Plants are worth any thing to you please send it in such paper as you sent me last winter as I am about run ashore for paper to write on

I Remain very truly
Yours

A. L. Siler

Write & acknowled rect of Plants

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Apr ~~[illegible]~~ Letter recd. I will try hard to get the

Rec 21 Apr 1876
ans 20 May

fl. cones &c of P. Balfouriana. How many sets
Have never seen P. monophyllus will look
it up this Summer. How many sets.
I expect to be in Mr Johnsons locality & will
probably be able to find it he may be
willing to give me directions.
No seed of Yucca brevifolia on hand they
do not seed very freely will try & get
them this season for you I remain
Money recd all right

A. L. Siler

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United States
POSTAL CARD.

Glendale N Yk
Apr 4/76

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To Dr Geo Engelmann
St Louis
Mo

ST. LOUIS, MO.
APR
7 P.M.

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Rec^d June 12th
ans 14 by Salt Lake City Utah June 7/1876

Dr Geo. Engelman Abies concolor var Lowie

Dear Sir: I Send you today A Specimen of 1 Bark & 3 Sprigs of an Abies that I would like to have the name of also 2 Sprigs of a Juniperus which there is a dispute between me and a Nurseryman here he claims that it is Cedrus Virginicus please name it also Will you be so kind as to Write to me and address your your letter to Mr John Reading Florist S L City Utah

I have not been able as yet to find Pinus Monophyllus as yet but hope to find it in these Mountains yet I shall probably spend the Whole summer in the Mountains East of this valley & San Pete Valley Please write at your Earliest possible Convenience

as I shall probably make a collectio
of the plants for the market
of the Abies if I find that
it is not in cultivation
any way I shall collect seed
of it this fall & shall want
the name of it then
Please oblige me by giving
the name at your earliest
convenience

Address in reply
John Reading
Florist
S L City
Utah Terry
& oblige Yours very truly

A. L. Siler

If I find any pine abies that looks
as though it might be new
I will send it to you
I am Yours
A. L. Siler

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Rec Jan 22

[illegible] Mesa [illegible] Utah Jan 4 '77

Dr George Engelmann

My Dear Friend

Your Card of 20th of Dec came to hand this Evening I will send you a pound of Seeds fresh Peraphyllum ramosissimum seed in a few days. I will also send you pressed flowers & fruit of the same.

The Pinus Balfouriana was collected for me by a young man this [illegible] mining [illegible] in [illegible] Utah. I have the stem and cones which I will send when I send the seed. but will have to wait to send the cones untill I can get them from the collector.

As for seeds of Shepherdia rotundifolia I have not been able to get a few owing to the sickness of the gentleman who I engaged to collect them at the time that they [illegible] before.

You can allow me for the Peraphyllum seed what you think them worth when you receive them.

I have not collected any plants this year Except Perophyllum.

I send you 1 Doz Seed of yucca brevifolia I send them for your own use I would send More but they are very scarce and as many of my friends have asked for them I want to divide them up

I will as your request look closely nexth fall after Abies Concolor Davia that is if the Abies fruit as I shall be in that locality collecting seed. If any of your German friends should want any seed of Abies Concolor. A. C. Ouid. A Amabilis. A Englemanni or Abies Menziesio. or Pinus flexilis I would be pleased to furnish them if I can have orders Early [illegible]

Truly Yours
A. L. Siler

Please
send me a
bit of Twig
size of Enclosed
[illegible]
like

Rec Febr 5 '77

[illegible] Near Ranch Kane County
Utah Territory Jany 20 1877

Dr Geo Engelmann

My Dear friend

I send you today 1lb Peraphyllum ramosissimum seed which I hope will reach you safely and prove satisfactory please set price a [illegible] as I am willing to trust the matter to your judgment

I see the Gentleman that collected the Pinus Balfourana this season for me he informs me that he [illegible] lost the Cones. I have a limb about 16 in long with leaves on it very nice shall I send it without the Cones or had I better wait untill next season & try for the Cones

We have in this locality and they are tolerably plenty in several parts of [illegible] A. Cactus [illegible] in the

Cereus [illegible]

Enclosed letter in the [illegible] of which [illegible] were [illegible] but I wish to get the Name of very [illegible] I think I sent you a small one a year or so ago. It grows in large masses often 100 in a mass about 8 in high [illegible] Cam shaped flowers red with petals turned inward center of [illegible]
leaves [illegible] 3 in long 1/2 in broad and [illegible]
and very abundant, I have seen more 1000 flowers on [illegible] it is very hardy often Growing along side of Saleratus beds or seeps Can you help me from the [illegible] letter & above description to get the true name of the plant hoping to hear from you [illegible]

I Remain truly Yours
A. L. Siler

Can I do any thing for you in [illegible] or other seed in 1877 if so please give me your order [illegible] about Yucca and don't your [illegible] friends want them [illegible]
& the seed [illegible] fruit [illegible] & [illegible]

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Rec July 9/14
Ans — /21

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] phoeniceum
have I got the specific name right?
[illegible]
[illegible] the ground in April or probably
[illegible]
[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible] parasite [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in sandy [illegible]
and I [illegible] it [illegible] by seed [illegible]
[illegible] send you small plants of [illegible]
[illegible] again
I will while in this locality look out for
[illegible]
[illegible] as I sent you last year [illegible]

Time & Fuse [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] bother about the [illegible] [illegible]
it will be time enough to pay for them
when you get [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

There is one favor that I would ask of you
I wish a magnifying glass with good
magnifying powers to be 1¼ or 1½ in, in
the center to be set in a strong horn or
[illegible] frame rather have horn. I want
a good strong substantial article to
carry in my pockit all the time dont
send me a fruit microscope I have one
[illegible] time since this spring it is [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] me but I want a serviceable [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
Ames [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Rec July 20 10
Ans 21st

C. V. ~~RILEY, Chief,~~
St. Louis, Mo.
A. S. PACKARD, JR., *Sec'y*,
Salem, Mass.
CYRUS THOMAS,
Disbursing Agent,
Carbondale, Ill.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF THE

U. S. Entomological Commission,

HEADQUARTERS,
Cor. Sixth and Locust,
St. Louis, Mo.

EASTERN OFFICE,
Hayden's Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Panguitch [illegible] Jul 11, 187

Dr Geo Englemann dear Sir; I visited the Birch creek Cañon near this place & found the tree that I got the flowers off of last year that I sent to you. Which you named "Abies Concolor var [illegible] - I could not find any Cones on it by examining it from the Ground but I succeded in finding a cone each on two other trees of the same sort these I send to you in a sugar box

I will probably be here again in August when I will take another day & visit the tree again it may probably have a cone or two on it if it has they will be large enough to be seen by that time & I will send them Cones of all kinds are very scarce here this season as far as I have been able to find. please write & let me know whether you receive the box & what the tree really is, Yours Truly

Respectfully
A L Siler Ranch

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Rec May 7th
ans — 23

Ranch Utah Apr 24, 1878

Dr Geo Engleman

Dear Sir I send you by this Mail 1 Bundle of Abies Douglasii.

The One With Mistletoe I dug the limb from under the Snow today it had been torn from the Tree by the wind in Some of Our Winter Storms

The other 3 specimens from living Tree in this locality I have collected them from Trees which in habit bark and Genral appearance are verry Different

I Will from time to time as I may have opertunity send you other specimens from different locations

If you have not sent me a ball of twine please do so

I will also Send you as often
as Once A month
Specimens of the mistletoe
So that we may be able
to find it in flower

I have put them
up in newspaper I have
no paste Card & Cannot
get any having use up
book backs and Can
please Acknowledge
the Receipt

If you would Send
me a bundle of
Glasgow No 1 Tobacco
it would greatly oblige

Yours
Very Truly

A. L. Siler

Rec June 11
Ans — 12

Ranch Utah May 24 1878

Dr Geo Engelmann

Dear Sir,

I have today put up for you sprigs of Abies Douglasii with the mistletoe on them they were cut yesterday 23 inst from a growing specimen they are from 2 trees the small branches from one the large ones from another I have put them in a tin can with damp moss so as to keep them moist. I think they are in flower. I will in 2 or 3 weeks send again from the same limbs so as to give you a good chance at them

I shall be in the field in a month collecting seeds & plants I say this to you to remind you of the fact that

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I would Send Etc so that if any
of your friends want any
thing in the line of Flower
Seeds Shrubs or tree Seeds
You may Either Order from
yourself or Refer them to me

I would like to hear
from you in regard to
the mulch &
2 balls of twine recd.

I am very truly Yours

And. L. Siler

When You write on receipt of this
please address as follows

A L Siler
Care Levi Savage
Toquerville
Utah

& oblige A L Siler

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Rec Bayfield Sept 3

Bayfield Wis Aug 17/75

Dr Engelmann

Sir Thank

Your Cedar seeds

Abies Amabilis does not grow
in Bayfield but Grows united
with Pinus Banksiana in very
high Trees.

A Moccasin is a Term of Indi-
an Tongue having many many
various water Canoes.

The Tobacco is Lachs Tangibi
[illegible] I have been at
Laughed at by my wife
I Bought her a Lady of
fine Cut Tobacco but kind
to refused to Smoke it So
she Laughs at me about
[illegible] to [illegible]
the Tobacco [illegible]

[illegible] of
Seeds. also Tobacco

I am in haste
Yours.

A. L. Siler

Rec May 2d
Ans 7 — by

Ranch Ocate April 2 79

Dr Geo Engelmann
Dear Sir

I send you today a bundle of the Mistletoe Growing on the Long leaf Pine Pinus Ponderosa. I learn that there is another one of them in what is known as red cañon unlike those sent today will try and obtain specimens during the summer & send you

I send a small cactus will you do me the kindness to tell me the name of it

If you want any more specimens of the Mistletoe sent today notify and I will send them

Yours very truly yours

Arthur L. [illegible]

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Rec June 4

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Ranch Utah May 14

Dr Geo Engleman

My Dear Sir:

Your Esteemed favor of 2d inst just recievd thanks for the Ch Enclosed also accept my thanks for the name of the Cactus which I make out to be Echinocactus Whipplei If I am wrong please correct as I wish to be correct in regard to names of plants

I expect to Start in a day or so for the Mountains about Escalante River I probably will not be back in time to collect the Amenthikins of P ponderosa when they are in flower but if I do not I shall commission my Son in Law Mr Geo Johnson who collected those I last sent to collect them for me

Mr Johnson informs me that he
found growing on the west slope
of the Escalanta mts another of
these Arnitholine which are much
larger many of them 8 in long I
will Keep a sharp look out for
them and Keep you posted
I hope to find some fine things
on this trip if I do I will not
forget you

I am truly Yours

A L Siler

Addrs A L Siler
Ranch
Utah
Via Toquerville
Utah

Ans Jun 6

Ranch Utah May 26 79

Dr Geo Englemann

My Dear friend

I send you today a mistletoe at least I can make nothing else out of it which I find on Abies Englemanii white Pine of utanians accompanying same bundle you will find a cone off of same tree

If this is of any interest to you I can procure you more of it as the season advances

let me know whether you want any more of it or no

I will try and send the Pinos Ponderosa Mistletoe soon as it is in flower

I remain very truly
Yours

A. L. Siler

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Rec. Aug 6
answered

I send limb, please let me know, whether it is A. concolor. The foliage of the whole grove is silvery, and does not look like A. concolor of other localities

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Co [illegible]
[illegible] Oct 18[illegible]

Dr. Geo. Engelmann

Dear Sir I [illegible] [illegible] specimens of the parasite on the Pinus flexilis I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] only [illegible] [illegible] specimens [illegible] Parasite [illegible] on abies concolor which will probably be of interest to you

Ranch P.O. is situated at the head of the East branch of the East fork of the [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] miles [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] land and
one towards the valley.
the [illegible] an alpine variety
was collected at the [illegible] base
of Chester peak on the [illegible]
waters of the Eastern fork
of the East fork of the [illegible]
river about two miles from
the summit of the peak
I hope I have got you [illegible]
plants of the [illegible] and the
Phlox [illegible] were
this [illegible] season [illegible]
I will [illegible] you [illegible]
and [illegible] of this
that the seeds [illegible]
plants [illegible]
I am satisfied that the species
[illegible] the [illegible]
on the [illegible]
[illegible]
all [illegible] paper so [illegible]
packing [illegible] material to
[illegible] season

I Respectfully Yours
A. L. Siler

Ans Cambridge Sept 24
Ans Oct 20

Jun 15 [illegible] #1 —

[illegible] Kanab Utah Aug 21 1879

Dr Geo Engelmann

My Dear Friend your [illegible] letter &
the kind [illegible] [illegible] no yet [illegible]
for the same and the [illegible] [illegible]
&c. I send you by this mail
a piece of bark off of a [illegible] Pine in
[illegible] 3 inch from the [illegible]
also last years old cones attached
to the branches and this years cones
attached to branches all collected
and packed today. these tree grow on
the [illegible] hills 1 mile north of Charley's Park about marshy or
springy places growing generally in
thick clumps and about 75 to 90 ft
high they have cones only on the top
like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible] I sent [illegible]
collected & packed one day and mailed
the next.
What do you call that [illegible]
(Engelm) is this right if
so please write the name on

Hoping that you will be able
to Settle any doubt that may
be in your mind as to the
indentity of this aleis Sent be
if a doubt does Exist

I Remain Yours

Rec Nov 26

Ranch Utah Nov 13/79

Dear Sir:

I have just received your letter Containing $2.00 I reced a letter some time before with $1.00 in it For which favors accept thanks

I will as soon as I can get you the Mistletoe on the Pinus Aristata. I think I have found mistletoe on Abies Subalpina Var fallax will look after it as soon as I can get to it but it with the other on the top of the Pink Cliffs and snow is two or 3 feet deep there this morning and probably will remain untill April 80—

I am yours very
Truly A. L. Siler

If you could get me orders for Cactus next spring from some of your many German friends

[illegible]

I would feel under many obligations to you

Yours

A L Siler

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Rec Dec 5
an — 6

A. L. SILER,
Collector of, and Dealer in
TREES, CACTUS, FERNS,
and SEEDS.
Pahreah, Utah

Pahreah Utah Nov 24 81

Dr George Engelmann
My Dear friend

I enclose a bunch of spines And a seed vesel of a Cactus they was collected by a young friend of mine On Kanab Wash near Rio Colorado in Arizona and are said to be very abundant will you do me the kindness name it for me I call it The Sawyer Cactus untill I hear from You

I am very truly
Yours

A L Siler

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Rec Jan 3d 1872
Ans — — P.C.

Pahranah Mts Dec 20 1871

Dr Geo Engleman
My Dear Friend

Your Kind letter of 6 inst received for which please accept my thanks

I will say to you that I still Collect Plants & Seeds but Confine my Collections to Cactus bulbs more than any thing else

In regard to the Cactus that I sent spines & seed vessels of I do not Know the size of it but I am led to believe that it is on the average about 10 in high shaped much like Cereus Lecontii I do not Know how many Ribs it has I suppose the fruit is a fair sample of the fruit as the Seeds size and the Gentleman who got it for me would have cut an average fruit the spines and the whole Cactus are represented by these such as they are all twisted like a rams horn as the Collector says. I will I hope be able by the last of next March be able to send you a Sample cactus of that variety and probably of some other varieties that may be of Interest to you I make out the name that you propose give the Cactus to be Echinocactus — Xeranthemoides do I make it out Right?

I Remain very
truly Yours
A L Siler

Rec May 6

I send 1/30 gr Arsenic pills, to be taken morning & evening —
also Iron in solution (Cider)

Pahreah Utah April 27 1882

Dr Geo Engelmann

Dear friend In writing to you heretofore I have written in regard to plants please allow me to address you at this time on another Subject.

Early in February I became afflicted with a disease in my feet or in the front of the from the hollow or instep forward the symptoms are as follows the flesh seems to became granulated or in small grains under the Skin causing purple Spots when those grains do not touch the Skin the color is a yellowish the granulated Spots become very sore and extremely painful after a few hours the Spots or grows go away the Soreness and pains go away for a few minutes sometimes for hours when they return again the under side of the feet or balls behind the toes become swolen the great toe and the three outside toes on each foot become swolen while the toe next to the great toe has not been swolen sore or painful at any time when the pain is the most sever(it is a drawing binding dead pain not sharp or shooting) it feels as though the parts would burst open and as though the toe nails were being pulled out by the root. I have used linaments freely finding but very little relief from their use, I have taken no medicine internally

as I neither know what to
take or had it if I had.
My health aut side of my
feet was never better although
I have lost flesh
now the question Can you
send me medicine by Mail
to be taken internally to
Eradicate the disease as it
Cannot be cured aut then it
must be drawn aut
If you will send me
Medicine with invoice
I will remit Cash to pay
you

I am Respectfly
Yours

A L Siler

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Rec Dec 5th
Ans — 11

Hillsdale Garfield County
Utah Territory Nov 27

Dr Geo Engleman

Dear Sir; I received your letter and the box of Arsenic pills last spring and took the pills according to your directions I received a great benefit from them but my feet still pain me at times the pains are not constant but I suffer with them occasionally espiscially at night after I have been on my feet a good deal during the day I have been troubled this fall with a pain or pressure in my breast on the left side from the center of the breast to the center of the back the left arm being numb or paralized while the pain lasts it lasts from ½ hour to 2 days I find that to overdo or fatigue myself brings these spells on me

I live in constant dread of a recurrence
of the disease in my feet and in
fear of the more frequent occurrence
of the pains in my breast.
If you can send me medicine
that will relieve or cure either or both
of the above described complaints
I will gladly send you the money
for the medicine & your trouble if
you will write me how much I
am to pay
Last April I forwarded to Messrs Haage &
Schmidt of Erfurt Germany several
varieties of Cactus they write on receipt
of the plants as follows
"What you call Cereus Le Contii is
decidedly no cereus but an Echinocact
it very much resembles our Echinocactus
Cylindraceus received from Southern
California. You should send a
plant of this sort to Dr Englemann
and ask him the right name.

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In accordance with this suggestion I to day mail you a box containing a plant which I call Cereus LeContii please give me the proper name of the species

I have not as yet been able to get the specimens of E xeranthemoides for you but I hope to be able to get the specimen for you next March or April when I hope to be able to visit the locality.

There has been a cactus described to me as growing in Arizona between the Buckskin mountains and the Colorado River I will try drawing you a plant

a round Cactus with smaller ones growing on it do you know of such a cactus or do you believe such a plant exists is it if to be found worth hunting up

Hoping to hear from you at an Early date

I Remain very truly yours

A. L. Siler

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Rec Jan 3d 1883
An — C.

Hillsdale Utah Dec 25 1882

Dr George Engelmann

My dear friend

Yours of 11 inst received also the pills. I will in April or May send you a specimen or 2 of E. Xeranthemoides as I have $75 worth of them to collect and hope for more orders for them before spring.

I send a letter enclosed for Mr A de Epiniert of Paris will you please address and mail it. I leave it open hoping you will ~~either~~ make such suggestions if any are needed to me or on the letter as you think best.

I am assured that a plant bearing spines like Ech. Wislizeni is to be found about the Buckskin Mountains in Arizona. I think likely I shall find a new var of Agave in that

region of Country a few years
ago I saw in Mr Jacob Hamblins
possession a few threads that
were over two feet long which
he informed me he got out of
a leaf of Oose (indian name for
yucca) with hooks on the sides
of the leaves the leaves were
obtained from a plant in
a small valley on the North
bank of the Colorado river to
a few miles east of where
the Kanab wash enters that
river If I can get in there
& find such a plant I
will send them specimens

I Remain very respectfully
Yours Truly

A. L. Siler

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Rec Jan 10
Ans — 14

Hillsdale Utah
Jany 1st 1883

Dr Geo Engleman

Dear Sir: Mr C. H. Haskell of Holland Patent Onida Co New York who has been engagid with one of Maj J W Powells Geologial parties passed today with a box of frozin Cactus he brought them in to show them to me when I advisid him to leave them as they would not be of any use to him to grow when he got home accordingly he left them and I send you two of them and wish you to give me the name of them the opuntia is found in many localities in

southern Utah & northern
Arizona for all that they
are very scarce, it seldom bein
the case that more than
5 or 6 plants are found in
one place
The Echinocactus Wislizenii or
E cylindricus (am I right?
in the same box grows
near the Colorado river on
the N W side and East of
the Buckskin Mountains
If it is not the plant
that I suppose it to be
will you please give me
the name of it & say
whether it is in Cultivation
or not.
Mr Haskell made me
promise before he left

the Round and that
is saled up in a News
paper that I would
have you send it to
him at the above adress
after you had seen it
I enclose all the postage
stamps that I have on
hand tonight to pay
the postage on the plant
when you forward it
I Register the Box
so as to have it go
safely

Yours very
Respectfully

A. L. Siler

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Rec May 3
Ans — 7

Kanab Utah April 23, 1883

Dr Geo Engleman

Dear Sir Today I send a registered package Containing 2 Echinocactus Xeranthemoides or the only Cactus that I can find in the region of Country that the Gentleman told me he got the Spines & seed vessel that I sent you in, I also send 3 seed vessels found on the same Cactus the cactus that is dead has a seed vessel on it and as it is the only Specimen that I could get holt of that could be sent by mail I send it with a living plant It is evidently not an Echinocactus LeContei as that plant very seldom produces more than one head from the same root while those I send in almost every instance produce more than one I have counted as high as 23 of them in one bunch all from one root the largest about 8 inches in diameter and the smallest 2 in in diameter. I have seen but three out of about 100 find that seemed to be old plants that growed in a single form like this

Please write on receipt of plants or at your Earliest Convinience & let me Know what they are. I hope to be able to Send you Some more cactus soon that I have no Name for write to \ A. L. Siler St George Utah the Small Cactus I found about 150 miles from where I have heretofore found Mamillaria Chlorantha or Chrysantha (which is right?) but it to me resembles M Chlorantha very much Will you do me the Kindness to tell me the Name of both species of Cactus that I have sent to you in the box. If the larger plant is new I would feel thankful for description of it as you describe it.

I sent you a few leaves with stems seed & Seedvessels of a plant that is new to me with a request that you would tell me what it is please let me know if it is in Cultivation and whether it is a desirable plant to cultivate will you also give your views in regard to packing it for shipment the root of it is very much like a yucca root and in its habit it resembles yucca I have got track of a much larger Agave than Agave Utahensis and as soon as I can get specimens I will send them to you they grow in the Grand Canon of the Colorado River I Remain Yours A L Siler

Rec May 5
An — 14

Toquerville Utah Terry
April 28 1883

Dr Geo Englemann

Dear Sir Today I mail You two Cactus in a box will you be Kind enough to name them distinguishing them as I have by the Name of Locality where Callected as Pipe or Cottonwood Springs

I have just seen Mr Sawyer he informs me that I did not go far enough down Kanab Gulch far enough to find Echinocactus Xeranthimoids but I will go far enough down as soon as I can Get to it

I Remain Truly
A. L. Siler

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Hillsdale Utah May 28 18

Rec June 2d
Ans " "

Dr Geo Engelmann

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of 7inst I enclose seed of E xeranthemoides which I hope will grow & give good satisfaction.

I am very much obliged for your kindness in naming the plants the Cactus sent on 28 april must have reached you before this as it was registered.

The dead Cactus I took to be identical with the living one that was in the same box but I find how very difficult it is to distinguish species of Cactus apart which they are very distinct. you [illegible] them to [illegible] that the small [illegible] [illegible] I send in box with [illegible]

Can I obtain your report of the Flora of the survey of the line between U S & Mexico. Can it be obtained from Dep't of Interior? I Remain very
[illegible] Truly Yours
A. L. Siler

I have shipped 900 lbs of Cactus and Agave to Europe This month to Haage & Schmidt & Fred A. Haage Jr of [illegible]

is an Echinocereus Lecontei I would
ask if difference in habit or growth
has any thing to do with difference
in species? E Lecontei as it
grows on the Virgin & elevation on
the Beaver dam mountains grows
a single plant, I have seen as high
as three of them in one nest but
they always spring from the same
root as Cers Englemanii will
Crisanthe but the species growing
in Kanab Canon the locality where
I collected the specimens sent in box
with E X. are entirely different in their
growth they grow in large clumps
often 30 in a bunch growing out
of each other and never growing
independently from the same root
(?) coming out of the mother plant
like this If you want to see a
clump of them [illegible]

& ribs get a wash tub fill & round it up with sand then set upon the sand Cabage heads from 2 in in diamater to 10 inches packing them in the closest manner making the small ones fill the interstices betwen the larger then take a look at it and you may see a strong resemblance to the Cactus in its native habitat. Now can a cactus growing in this way be E LeConteii?

Some of the plants that I speak of had flat spines like those of all the LeConteii that I have ever noticed while others growing with them and in every other respect resembling them had round spines I am satisfied that you would be able to see a difference if you Could visit them in their native habitat

xx and Seed of Agave Utahensis and of the other variaty posably would it be asking too much of you to ask you to give me the address xx

I cannot promise to get you flowers
of the Agave which you think is
A Newberryi but I will try and get
you seed vessels, seed, & plants next
fall or winter. They grow in the Grand
Canon and are almost inaccessable
unless I can find them down Kanab
Canon close to the Rio Colorado from
which point they can be packed
out on a horse. Mr Sawyer who
found Exeranthemoides tells me
since I visited that locality that
I did not go far enough down
towards the Colorado for E X. and
other parties tell me that there is
a large Agave growing there which
I opine is the same as that grown
in the Grand Canon below Powells
Saddle. I am trying to work up x

x a trade in Cactus agave & Succulents
as well as Bulbs & Herbaceous plants
I shall be able to Collect Seed of yucca
brevifolia this fall as they are fruiting
they fruit only at long intervals
I also will Collect Seeds of other Yucca

Ans Oct 20
[illegible] 24

Hillsdale P O Utah 7-2-83

Dr Sir I send you by this mail
a small Cactus (in flower) is it
M. vivipara var neo mexicana
which it resembles? it grows near
the Southern rim of the Great basin
altitude about 7000 feet. I sent you
a Cactus for name several weeks
since did you get it?
Please answer at earliest convenience
as I wish to make up my list for
1884

Yours truly Yours A. L. Siler

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